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SUBJECT: PRESS GUIDANCE ON RAY SMITH INCIDENT

1. THE DEPARTMENT PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING RESPONSE TO A QUESTION FROM THE PRESS, JULY 24, CONCERNING OUR RESPONSE TO THE SOVIET CHARGE THAT SMITH REFUSED TO SHOW THE MILITIA IDENTIFICATION:
2. "DIPLOMATS ARE GUARANTEED FREE AND UNRESTRICTED ACCESS TO THEIR OFFICES IN THE VIENNA CONVENTION ON DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, WHICH IS ACCEPTED BY BOTH THE US AND THE USSR. UNDER THE TERMS OF THAT CONVENTION, SMITH WAS NOT OBLIGED TO SHOW IDENTIFICATION WHEN ENTERING OUR EMBASSY IN MOSCOW. ON THE CONTRARY, IT IS UP TO THE USSR, AS THE RECEIVING STATE, TO PROVIDE FULL FACILITIES FOR THE PERFORMANCE OF THE EMBASSY'S FUNCTIONS, INCLUDING INSURING ACCESS BY ITS

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